

FCLB News!



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Dear Licensees,

2020 has been an unprecedented year of ups and downs for our nation and especially our community. We are grateful, you have chosen Frederick for your business operation and support for our community! We are here to serve and help you however we can to survive this difficult time. From all of us at the Frederick County Liquor Board, may you have a prosperous holiday season!

Sincerely,

Debbie Burrell, Chair, Commissioner Joan Aquilino, Commissioner Chris Glass, Penny, Dawn Ashley Bob & Bob

Delegation Public Hearing. The Frederick County State Delegation will be holding their annual public hearing on Saturday, December 5, 2020 10am-Noon. This meeting will be virtual this year and can be viewed at publicinput.com/T282.

The site will stream the public hearing and written comments can be submitted directly on that page.

The broadcast will also stream from FrederickCountyMD.gov/FCGTV, but there is no opportunity to comment from there.

Alcohol Awareness Classes

As we see a huge need for alcohol awareness training, we are constantly adding more class dates. Please see our [website](#) for available dates and to sign-up for a virtual class. We do our best to accommodate specific needs and request so please reach out to us at by: [email](#) or phone 301-600-2984.

COVID POLICY / EXECUTIVE ORDERS

We would like to bring to your attention, some of the most recent changes in the most recent Executive Order. Our current COVID policy still remains in effect, including what has been added to the updated changes added by Governor Hogan. The main concern that has been brought to our attention is the 10pm curfew. As with all closing hours, we are requesting that last call should take place by 9:30pm. Everyone should be out of the establishment by 10pm. Curbside and delivery may continue as normal. Bar areas should be at 25% capacity with stools being 6 feet apart. NO STANDING SERVICE of any patron, everyone must be seated. It is strongly recommended even with social distancing that all patrons in outside areas remain masked.

We understand that the ever changing requirements can be confusing. Any questions or concerns you have please always feel free to [contact](#) our office for verification. We do not want to be forced to issue violations. The last thing we want is to overwhelm our establishment's with information. We are always here to assist and will review any clarification that you might need. If we cannot answer a question, we will seek out the information for you. We want to see everyone succeed in such an unprecedented time.

If you have a topic you would like to see featured in the bi-monthly newsletter, send an email to:
LiquorBoard@FrederickCountyMD.gov

Virtual Forum. The 5th Annual Frederick County Alcohol Forum was held virtually, on Friday, October 23, 2020. We would like to thank the Delegation, Licensees, and the public for attending the forum. Items that were discussed:

- Removing seating requirement Class B, BWL License
- Continuing Cocktail to go for Class B
- Correct Wine Content from 14.5% to 22%
- On-Site Consumption for Class A
- Salon/Barber Shop Change to one Bottle/Can Beer

To view the recording of this forum and other Liquor Board hearings, click [HERE](#) to be directed to the Facebook page for Frederick County Boards and Commissions.

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 26 & 27, 2020 (Office Closed)

December 24, 2020-January 3, 2021 (Office Closed)

January 18, 2021 (Office Closed)

We would like to congratulate all the new licensees for October /November 2020. We appreciate your investment in Frederick County and support for the community:

Born and Raised
Cornucopia
Hero's Deli and Pizzeria
Myersville Market
Truth + Beauty

New Help for MD Businesses. On Thursday, October 22, 2020, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan said he's drawing down the state's Rainy Day Fund to offer \$250 million more in [financial relief for businesses](#) struggling due to the coronavirus pandemic and the ensuing recession, Pamela Wood and Hallie Miller report for the Sun. The biggest chunk of money—\$100 million—will be used to create an “emergency rapid response fund” for small businesses, so that the state can pivot to help hard-hit areas or industries.

The Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County (Frederick County Liquor Board) are:

*Debbie Burrell, Chair
Joan Aquilino, Board Member
Chris Glass, Board Member*

UPCOMING FCLB PUBLIC HEARINGS: December 14, 2020

At this time public comment will be accepted by calling toll-free 855-925-2801, entering meeting code 9813, and leaving a voicemail message or to enter into a queue for live public comment during the meeting.